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FCC Public Comments
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Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

As a consumer interested in protecting competition, innovation, and legitimate use of cable TV content, I urge you to refuse requests for waivers of 47 CFR 76.1204(a)(1) by NCTA, Charter, Verizon, and all other cable providers. The FCC's integration ban, which in effect requires cable companies to integrate CableCARDs into their own set-top boxes, remains good policy today.

Now ten years after the Telecommunications Act of 1996, cable companies have dragged their feet long enough on competitive alternatives to proprietary set-top boxes, thus hampering innovation and harming consumers. The integration ban will also help market competition prevent further restrictions on cable subscribers' ability to make legitimate use of recorded content.

By adopting content protection limits (encoding rules) in docket no. 97-80, the Commission recognized the importance of allowing consumers to make certain uses of TV content, regardless of a particular cable provider's or copyright holder's wishes. With competition spurred on by the integration ban, consumers would have the freedom to choose the least restrictive cable-compatible device available. The CableCARD standard already prescribes restrictions that harm consumers by limiting non-infringing uses, and such restrictions **will** get even worse if cable providers' set-top boxes are unchecked by competition.

Please refuse requests for waivers of 47 CFR 76.1204(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Miss Meghan August
44 Piccadilly Sq
Rochester, NY 14625-1367


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FOR MEGHAN AUGUST

Complaint Type

Account Type

☐ Congressional Complaint ☐

IC Number: 07-10276554
 Date Received: 04/27/2007 
 Date Entered: 05/11/2007
 Entered By: PORTALSV1
 Assigned To: Blaise Humes/FCCIN

Case Type:
 Complainant: Meghan August
 Date Assigned: 05/11/2007
 Date Reassigned:
 Service Date:

Date Closed:
 Closed By:
 Close Letter Needed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Response Date:
 Original Analyst:
 Purged By: Purged Date:
 Removed By: Removed Date:

Supervisor Check: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Indecency Referral Code.

Current Status: Pending Analyst Review

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Associated Case.

Complaint Summary

Apparent Carrier(s):

☐ Yes<<< Check here if you wish to serve both a Wireline and Wireless carrier.

Problem Number:			
Title: None	First Name: Meghan	Middle Initial:	Last Name: August
Contact Name:	Meghan August	Best Time to Call:	
Contact Number:	Ext.	Consumer's Telephone Number:	Ext.
Fax Number:		TTY Number:	
Email Address:		Internet Address:	
PO Box:		Address:	21 Piccadilly Sq
City:	Rochester	State: NY	Zip: 14625

On Behalf Of	
Company Name:	
Party's Name:	Relationship with the Party:
Party's Contact Number: Ext.	PO Box:
	Address:
	City:State:Zip:
Other Party that can be contacted?	
Name:	Relationship:
Contact Number: Ext.	Address:
	City: State: zip:
** Amount of credit FCC effort generated:	Duplicate Credit Checked: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Have you paid any of the disputed charges?

Did the company billing for these charges adjust or refund some or all of the disputed charges?

If Yes, what was the amount of the adjustment or refund?

b. Telephone number for the carrier(s) or company(ies) involved with your complaint, including area code:
 c. Which type of service is involved with your complaint:


Phone: Ext:

TCPA Information from 475

1. the telephone number of the individual or company who called or faxed you: Ext:
 2. your telephone number(s) on which the call or fax was received: Ext:
 3. a description of the telemarketing call, pre-recorded message, or unsolicited fax, including an identification of the company whose products or services were being advertised, and any phone numbers that were included in the call or fax:
 4. the "opt-Out" number(s) provided in the call(s) or on the fax(es):
(List number(s) given in the call(s) or fax(es) for you to contact if you do not want to receive any additional calls or faxes.) Ext:
 5. Have you: (a) purchased anything from the company being advertised in the call or fax;
(b) made an inquiry or application to that company; or (c) given consent to the company to send you the call or fax? If so, please describe and state when you had such contact with the company.
 - (1) Date of Program:
 - (2) Time of Program:
 - (3) Network:
 - (4) Call Sign, Channel OR Frequency of the station on which you viewed/heard the material:
 - (5) City and State Where Program Was Viewed:
 - (6) Name of Program or DJ/Personality/Song/Film:
- Updated? ☐ Yes ☒ No


ANALYSIS SECTION


Correspondence Type: ☐ Complaint ☐ inquiry Source Code:

Apparent Carrier(s): Re-Serve Carrier(s): 

Responding Carrier(s): Assigned Subject Code:

Activity Code: Direct Assigned Code Acronym:

Final Responsible Party: Sub-Category: 

Additional Sub-Category: 

Copy of Response Sent to Consumer by Carrier?: ☐ Yes ☐ NO

Mediation with Carrier/Complainant?: ☐ Yes ☐ No Response Type:

Referral Information

Date Referred:

Consumer Referral Letter Agency Refe

Indecent - R

Referred To:

Agency Name(s):

Company Name(s):



General Acknowledgement

Indecent Dismissal

DNC - More Information

DNC - Enforcement

DNC - Exemption

Non DNC - More Information

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Actionable Case.

☐ Actionable ☒ NonActionable

DNC Enforcement Letter Generated?

☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ Yes ☒ No

TFAX Enforcement Letter Generated?

DNC More Info Letter Generated?

☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ Yes ☒ No

TFAX Exemption Letter Generated?

DNC Exemption Letter Generated?

☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ Yes ☒ No

TFAX More Info Letter Generated?

~~Non~~ DNC More Info Letter Generated?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Deferment Information

Date Deferred:

Reason:

None

Date ~~Un~~Deferred:

Extension Information:

Extension Requested: ☐ Yes ☒ NO

Extension Granted: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Dear Consumer,

Thank you for contacting the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Your comments have been filed in the docket for the appropriate FCC proceeding.

Again, thank you for contacting **us** about this important issue.

The Federal Communications Commission

Thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of the FCC. If you have any further questions, please contact our Consumer Information Center at 1-888-CALL-FCC. Information can also be accessed via the Internet at www.fcc.gov.

Consumer Inquiries and Complaints Division
Gettysburg Consumer Center